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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Complete if Known

Application Number	10/699,131
Filing Date	October 31, 2003
First Named Inventor	Michael Ernest Garrett
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	3721
Attorney Docket No.	98B112 (CIP2)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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			- 3** =	X	=

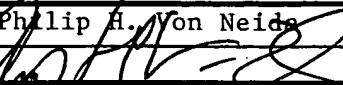
Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	2,010
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$130
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)			
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$2,140.00)			

SUBMITTED BY

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Signature		Date	AUGUST 27, 2004		

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TRANSMITTAL
FORM

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Application Number	10/699,131
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First Named Inventor	MICHAEL ERNEST GARRETT
Art Unit	3721
Examiner Name	

Attorney Docket Number

98B112 (CIP2)

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
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Date

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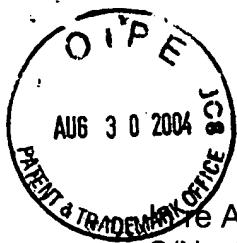
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August 27, 2007

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Michael Ernest Garrett
S/N: 10/699,131
Filed: October 31, 2003
For: "Method of Filling and Sealing"
Atty. Dkt.: 98B112 (CIP2)

Art Unit: 3721

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Betty Lee
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Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)

Dear Sir:

Assignee respectfully requests that the application be made on behalf of Michael Garrett. Further, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(b), Assignee is submitting along with the petition fee a summary of their efforts to obtain a signature.

Assignee is further submitting the oath and declarations signed by Michael Garrett in the two parent patent applications.

On October 31, 2003, the subject application was filed as a Continuation-in Part Application in the USPTO. The application listed one inventor: Michael Ernest Garrett.

On February 5, 2004, Ms. Betty Lee originally sent via inter-office mail to Mike Wickham, Associate Counsel, at The BOC Group plc, an English Company of Chertsey Road, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6HJ, England, declaration, power of attorney and assignment forms for forwarding to Michael Garrett. This request was never responded to. A copy of the forms and request is attached hereto.

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On March 30, 2004, Ms. Lee emailed Mr. Wickham referencing the earlier February 5, 2004, letter. A response from Mr. Wickham on March 30, 2004, indicated that Mr. Garrett had suffered a stroke and lost the ability to write. (copy attached)

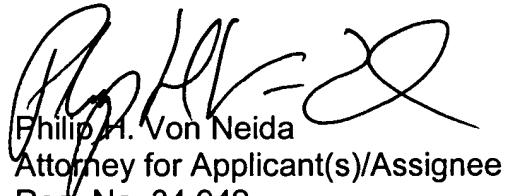
On May 26, 2004, Ms. Lee spoke with Mr. Wickham regarding the unsigned declaration. Mr. Wickham's response was that Mr. Garrett will not be signing the declaration.

On May 27, 2004, Ms. Lee emailed Mr. Wickham requesting the name and residence of Mr. Garrett's legal representative. No response was ever received to this request. (copy attached)

There has still been no response to the requests made for the signature of Mr. Garrett on the declaration, power of attorney and assignment forms. As such, in light of the above-stated facts and the attached petition fee, Assignee respectfully petitions that this application be accepted without Mr. Garrett's signature.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 the fee required under 37 CFR 1.116(e). Assignee further request that a five-month extension be granted for Applicants' response to the Filing of Missing Parts. Authorization is hereby given to charge such extension fee, or any additional fees that may be due, to Applicants' Deposit Account 02-2865. Should there be any unresolved issues, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures
Request & Forms
Petition for Extension of Time
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